

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 681

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Jones Companies, LTD. of Humboldt upon the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses and their remarkable employees who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, Jones Companies, LTD., with its headquarters located in Humboldt, is one such outstanding company that is celebrating seventy-five years of dedicated service to the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1936 by Ted Jones, Sr., and Ralph Jones, Sr., Jones Companies, LTD. is an industry leader in the coarse count yarn markets, specializing in spinning short staple waste fiber yarns; and

WHEREAS, the rich fabric of this estimable enterprise is woven with the time-honored principles of leadership, partnership, and service; and

WHEREAS, originally called Jones Manufacturing Company, this exemplary business changed its name in the 1980s to more accurately describe its growth and future expansion plans; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990s, it purchased Hogan & Associates and expanded its vast reach to include the production of cotton and batting products used in the manufacturing of bedding and furniture products; and

WHEREAS, standing as one of the country's largest spinners of coarse count yarns, Jones Companies, LTD. currently produces over fifty yarn products for the apparel, conveyor belt, drawstring bag, area rug, upholstery, and mop markets and is focused on creating new

products, improving spinning efficiencies, opening new facilities, increasing spinning capacity, and planning for the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

WHEREAS, expertly led by Ralph Jones III, today, Jones Companies, LTD. operates six spinning mills, a raw material warehouse, and a fiber blending operation and boasts plants in Humboldt, Covington, and Milan, with a workforce of over 375 dedicated associates; and

WHEREAS, Jones Companies, LTD. has also distinguished itself as a community leader of the highest order through its corporate sponsorship of East End Elementary School's Partner-in-Education, Pride's Parent to Parent Drug Awareness Program, the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival, and the West Tennessee Regional Art Center; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious history, Jones Companies, LTD. has always remained true to its worthy mission of being people oriented, service minded, and profit motivated, while never sacrificing the dignity of the individual; and

WHEREAS, as Jones Companies, LTD. celebrates its rich history of seventy-five years of commerce and public service, it is appropriate to honor the many employees, both past and present, who have used their time, talent, and resources to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Jones Companies, LTD. is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the owners and employees of Jones Companies, LTD. upon the celebration of the company's seventy-fifth anniversary, applaud their ongoing legacy of integrity and commitment to excellence, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.